

## ■ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION■

Monday, January 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer\*  
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner\*  
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner  
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner\*  
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary\*  
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair\*  
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner\*  
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner\*  
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner\*  
C. Wiese – Youth Commissioner\*

J. Burden, STC PD\*  
E. Mahan, STC PD  
J. Keegan, Chief of Police  
R. Rogina, Mayor  
STC Aldermen  
M. Koenen, City Administrator  
J. Bruggeman, STC Park District\*  
N. Chaney, STC Library  
J. O’Neal, TriCity\*  
P. Palagi, D303\*

### \*Attended meeting

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:00 p.m.
- II. Secretary’s Report
  - A. Approval of the minutes from the December 2020 meeting – Commissioner Stock motioned, seconded by Commissioner Saylor. Motion carried unanimously
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Donna Clavelli
  - A. Balance is \$8,175.00.
- IV. Correspondence – none
- V. Presentations – none
- VI. Reports
  - A. Liaison Reports
    - i. D303 – Patti Palagi
      - a. The students start back to school on a hybrid plan starting tomorrow, January 5, 2021. High school students will spend more time in person on January 19, 2021.
      - b. The final Parent University of the year is scheduled for February. It will be a viewing of the documentary, *Wake Up Call*.
      - c. On January 21, 2021, there will be a meeting with Commissioner Kristofer, Patti Palagi, Cindy Ruesch, and Carol Smith to discuss ways the school district and the Youth Commission can partner together.
    - ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
      - a. Advance planning for summer programming is under way.
      - b. The Park District will begin recruiting summer staff soon, but training will not begin for a while.
      - c. There continues to be lower attendance at the Teen Center but it remains a welcoming environment for those who feel comfortable attending.
      - d. In reference to something Judge Clint Hull talked about at a previous Youth Commission meeting, Jennifer echoed his sentiments and highly recommended the book, *What Made Maddy Run*, saying it provides great insight to the challenges young people today are facing.

iii. Police Department – Jim Burden

- a. No reports listed since the last meeting on December 7, 2020.

iv. Library Programs – absent

v. TriCity Family Services – Presented by Chairman Muenz on behalf of Jules O’Neal

- a. Three workshops to enhance social-emotional connections and skills are being offered on Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom. They are brought to you by TriCity Family Services, Navigate Adolescence, and the Geneva Coalition for Youth with the support of Geneva CUSD 304. Registration will open Wednesday, January 6, 2021.
- b. Compass for Boys. Registration link for 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade boys (the workshop is unique by grade):  
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=oxtWvf>
- c. Compass for Girls. Registration link for 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade girls (the workshop is unique by grade):  
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ntJbQ2>
- d. True North Vision Board Workshop for Girls. Registration link for middle school girls (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders are welcome to participate together in the same workshop):  
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=FL2uK7>

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

- i. Commissioner Wiese will be getting information to Lisa Garhan with STC Learn updates.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. The group met via google meet on December 17, 2020.
- ii. All of the students were in attendance.
- iii. Common thread is trying to figure out how we can help/reach the youth in St. Charles..
- iv. Student Council communicates through Instagram.
- v. A student weekly bulletin was mentioned.
- vi. STC Learn has helped 11 to 12 families by awarding grants for supplies and tutoring services. This organization works in conjunction with District 303 to identify families in need of assistance.
- vii. The college application process during COVID-19 looks different because there was a break from standardized tests being offered and administered.
- viii. McKayla Mitchell, one of the student consultants, volunteered to develop promotional materials to be shared with the group at a later date.
- ix. This group will meet next on Thursday, January 21, 2021 virtually.

VII. Old Business

A. Funding Request: Fox Valley Food for Health

- a. Sam Evans attended to provide the Youth Commission with more information on this request. Commissioner Stock made a motion to approve the \$750 funding request. Commissioner Clavelli seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion on Community Parent Education Initiative

- i. The Youth Commission has decided to remove this topic from the agenda, as progress has been made in different ways through the outreach committee and interactions with the student liaisons.

C. Update on Display Windows

- i. No window updates are being scheduled at this time due to COVID-19.

D. Ongoing marketing

- i. Instagram ready posts would be helpful if Lisa Garhan would consider sharing Youth Commission information in this way.
- ii. Eventually the Youth Commission will seek to add marketing elements from youth consultant McKayla Mitchell.
- iii. Updates on the progress of other organizations we have funded will appear here.
- iv. Jennifer Bruggeman introduced the idea of having a student consultant be an “ambassador” for sharing information on his or her own Instagram page. The concerns/logistics of this would need to be addressed with Lisa Garhan first, but it is something to consider as a way to get the Youth Commission message out.

E. Impact Award

- i. Chairperson Muenz has someone in mind but does not want to make this suggestion public until this decision can be announced.
- ii. We have a few students who meet the criteria for this award already nominated, plus there are a couple of students who still need to be honored from last spring.
- iii. The goal is to recognize these individuals at a City Council meeting in person when the option becomes available.

VIII. **New Business** – none

IX. **Announcements**

- A. **Funding Request Application:** there is a new field on the Youth Commission Funding Request Application that asks how the applicant heard of the Youth Commission. This will hopefully give the Commission insight on how their message is being communicated to the public.

X. **Public Comment** – none

XI. **Adjournment**

- A. Commissioner Saylors made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.; Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

***The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.***

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner